

CMHDA Proposed Alternative Strategies to Administer Statewide Programs

When MHSA guidelines were in development, it was recognized that there might be some cases for which a “statewide approach” would be beneficial. The act also recognizes this with the following relevant sections:

Section 15; 5897 (a) “...the Department of Mental Health shall implement the mental health services provided by Parts 3,3.6 and 4 of this Division through contracts with county mental health programs or counties acting jointly.”

Section 3 (e) states the general purpose and intent: “To ensure that all funds are expended in the most cost effective-manner and services are provided in accordance with recommended best practices subject to local and state oversight...”

Taken together, these sections of the Act guide our discussion regarding statewide projects, with the overarching goals of increasing cost effectiveness, facilitating the dissemination of best practices, and implementing them through joint county/state collaboration.

	Plan A: Short-Term Solution	Plan B: Long Term Solution
WHAT	<p>While the details and process with developing a JPA are underway, CMHDA will advocate for a single county to administer upcoming FY (08-09) statewide projects that are urgent and pressing.</p> <p>We feel that individual counties can offer to administer specific programs that are in accordance with MHSA guidelines. This has already taken place with the CalSWEC MSW stipend program. LA County is administering the statewide program for FY 07/08.</p>	<p>Develop a Joint Powers Authority(s) (JPA) to act as an administrative alternative that is consistent with the intent and requirements of the MHSA. It is possible that multiple JPAs, based on regions, would be the best approach. There is much exploration and investigation needed.</p> <p>JPA Definition: An institution permitted under the laws of some states, whereby two or more public authorities (e.g. <u>local governments</u>, or utility or transport districts) can operate collectively. Joint Powers Authorities are particularly widely used in <u>California</u> (where they are permitted under Section 6500 of the State Government Code), but are also found in other states.</p>
WHY	<p>A. Successful Implementation of PEI Plans Requires information about Resources that are Allocated for “Statewide Programs”</p> <p>1. Suicide Prevention (\$14 million for each of 4 years = \$56 million, plus \$1 million for dissemination of a statewide plan = \$57 million) 2. Stigma and Discrimination (\$20 million for 4 years = \$80 million) 3. Ethnically and Culturally Specific Programs and Interventions</p>	<p>We believe that will increase the ability of local counties and their providers to assure timely services to the individuals and families they serve.</p> <p>We believe such a structure can even further promote the involvement and engagement of community interests in designing programs and strategies funded under the MHSA</p>

	<p>(\$15 million for 4 years = \$60 million) 4.Training/TA and Capacity Building (\$12 million for 4 years = \$48 million) *Note: \$60 million of these funds were approved for SMHI</p> <p>B. Successful WET Plans and Implementation Need Resources Allocated for “Statewide Programs”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Collaboratives 2. Consumer and Family Member Technical Assistance Center 3. Distance Learning 4. Loan Assumption <p>* There may be additional programs that might be suited for an individual county to administer, and prioritizing these will be conducted with input from the CMHPC and other key stakeholders and experts.</p>	
TIMEFRAME	<p>Immediate - CMHDA staff will work to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prioritize WET and PEI programs that need to be administered 2. Seek feedback and input from stakeholders on priorities 3. Develop RFPs with DMH, OAC, CMHPC and seek input from stakeholders 4. Begin to identify counties that are interested and able to administer individual programs <p>* Begin county admin. of statewide programs through a JPA or an individual county in FY 08/09 .</p>	<p>Pending Governing Board and All Directors support, CMHDA will proceed with developing a full JPA proposal with a CMHDA workgroup (including DMH and possibly others), vetted with stakeholders, and include a timeline for approval. The aim is to achieve this by July 1, 2008.</p>